



Winter Star Student Awarded Lenovo Laptop



In the fall of 2016, Lenovo donated a brand new laptop to reward an exceptional student. After monitoring member report cards and behavior for several months, we were thrilled to award fourth grader, Rashylia, with the computer. Declared our "Winter Start Student," Rashylia received all A's, has been on the Honor Roll for over a year, and her favorite subject is math. She wants to be a "lawyer, or doctor, or both" when she is older. She is extremely intelligent, works very hard, and makes all of us proud! Congratulations Rashylia! And thank you Lenovo!

We are able to continue this reward system thanks to an anonymous donor who gave us fifty laptops during the MIX 101.5 WRAL Toy Drive. A friend of the Club, Mr. Charlie K, is updating each of them by adding memory and up-to-date software so we can give away laptops to Club members who consistently show improvement and receive excellent reports from school.

In addition to this wonderful tech news, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina recently donated ten high-efficiency laptops for our staff. We are grateful to all who have worked to ensure we are constantly moving forward!

Summer Camp Scholarships



At Mayor William Bell's final State of Durham address, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina announced a \$25,000 summer scholarship donation for Boys & Girls Clubs of Durham and Orange County youth in honor of Mayor Bell. We are beyond grateful to Mayor Bell and BCBSNC for their commitment to our Club kids! Thank you!

Pictured: Jerome Levisy, BGCDOC CEO, Mayor Bill Bell, John Roos, Senior VP of Sales, Marketing & Communications with BCBSNC

Students to Scholars



Students to Scholars is a new program created by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Durham and Orange Counties as a way to help interested and qualified Club members gain access to a local private school education. Students are selected based on their willingness to work hard, their aptitude for learning, support at home, and school performance. After going through the selection process, the selected students will attend school during the 2017-2018 school year.

Our founding partner is Triangle Day School (TDS) in Durham. Their mission is to provide a warm and welcoming community devoted to academic excellence. They seek to ignite intellectual curiosity, foster compassion and integrity, and nurture creativity, ultimately inspiring confidence in each student to lead a life of purpose.

If you are interested in learning more about this unique program, or would like to make a donation, please contact Benay Hicks at 919-687-4517, ext 22 or bhicks@bgcdoc.org.

Cook for a Cause



C'est si Bon! Cooking School in Chapel Hill and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Durham and Orange Counties recently partnered to host a brand new fundraiser, Cook for a Cause. Taking the form of an "Iron Chef" or "Chopped" competition, teams from IBM, Envested, Greystar Properties, and the Duke University Medical Physics program "competed" against each other to create a French dish.

They used fresh ingredients and worked to cook a four-course meal. Teams and dishes were judged based on taste, creativity, and teamwork. All four groups dined on the four courses together following the cooking portion of the evening. Thank you to all who participated, and to C'est si Bon for hosting!

Our partnership with C'est si Bon! Cooking School continues this spring with a spring break cooking camp for twelve Club members. Funded by Merck, selected students will get to learn how to make sophisticated, tasty, and fresh recipes in the C'est si Bon kitchen. We are so excited for this

Pictured: The winning team, IBM, and their chocolate cake.

<h3>Youth of the Year</h3> <p><i>March 31 - April 1</i></p> <p>BGCDOC will host the 2017 North Carolina Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year scholarship competition. BGC contestants from all over the state will compete to win the title of NC Youth of the Year and continue on to the regional competition (and possibly national). Thank you to our sponsors, PNC and Goodwill.</p>	<h3>Bull City Golf Classic Fore Kids</h3> <p><i>May 22</i></p> <p>This golf and dinner event will take place at the exclusive Hope Valley Country Club in Durham on May 22. Don't miss your chance to play on this famous Donald J. Ross course! Support Club youth by sponsoring or registering online today. Thank you to our current sponsors: Mix 101.5 WRAL, M&F Bank, and Storm the Stage Music Publishing.</p>	<h3>Great Futures Gala</h3> <p><i>October 14</i></p> <p>Save the date for our largest fundraising event! Sponsorship opportunities are currently available. Please contact Benay Hicks at bhicks@bgcdoc.org or 919-687-4517, ext 22 for more information.</p>
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